

News Release

Chinese Dance Theater to Grace the Kiehle Auditorium Stage on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 7 p.m.; Workshop Prior to the Performance from 4-6

By Itollefs on Wednesday, January 23, 2013The Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) Chinese Dance Theater will

celebrate the culture of China with a dance performance at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The dance theater will perform on Saturday, February 9, 2013, in Kiehle Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the performance starting at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door at \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and high school students, and \$1 for students at the U of M, Crookston with their ID. Advanced tickets are available by contacting Rae French at 218-281-8339 (rfrench@umn.edu).



Preceding the dance performance, a workshop will be held for all ages from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom and the International Lounge both located in the Sargeant Student Center. The workshop will feature demonstrations of Kungfu, a tea ceremony, art display, lantern making, and more. The workshop is free. An option for dinner is also available in Brown Dining Room at 5 p.m. for \$7.67. Activities are designed for families with children of all ages.

Background

Chinese dance incorporates a variety of forms and styles of movement derived from 53 diverse ethnic groups' traditions. It involves not just unique Chinese dance sequences and movements but also the cultural and historical basis of the dances. The CAAM Chinese Dance Theater is dedicated to preserving and celebrating Chinese cultural heritage and enriching a diverse community through the universal language of dance.

Since 1992, CDT has served families and delighted audiences with some of the best locally-produced Chinese dance concerts in the country. We are a community-based organization under the artistic direction of a world-renowned choreographer and teacher. A division of the Chinese American Association of Minnesota, the oldest, largest Chinese American community organization in Minnesota, CDT performs before 17,000 live audience members every year. With a dance school, annual concerts, and outreach performances, CDT is the largest Chinese dance organization in the Midwest. To learn more, visit www.caamcdt.org.

This performance is made possible by the University of Minnesota's Confucius Institute and the Office of International Programs at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The workshop is made possible by the Multicultural International Club, International Programs Office, and the Korean Student Clubs on campus.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 27 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 10 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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